



Iowa Department of Human Services

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1920-MC-FFS-D

DATE: July 9, 2018

TO: Iowa Medicaid Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Indian Health Services (IHS)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care, Fee-for-Service, Dental

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Annual Dental Benefit Maximum Update

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2018

[Informational letter 1916-MC-FFS-D¹](#) announced that effective July 1, 2018, an Annual Benefit Maximum (ABM) of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per state fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) would be implemented for every adult Medicaid member, age 21 and older, for members served through Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid and members enrolled in the Dental Wellness Plan (DWP).

Delay of Implementation

The IME has made the decision to delay the implementation of the ABM until September 1, 2018. This delay will allow a sufficient amount of time for the IME to identify and test program requirements for the dental carriers (Delta Dental of Iowa and Managed Care of North America). These requirements will ensure the member's dental plan has the most current ABM claims calculation to share with providers.

Members will be subject to a \$1,000 ABM for September 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

The IME encourages providers to help members track and prioritize their oral health needs. Providers must explain to the member that they will be responsible to pay the Medicaid reimbursement rate for qualifying services that exceed their ABM.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1916-MC-FFS-D_AnnualDentalBenefitMaximum.pdf